

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Anna Burger, Treasurer
Service Employees International Union
Committee on Political Education (SEIU COPE)
1800 Massachusetts Ave NW
Washington, DC 20036

Response Due Date: July 13, 2009

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Year End Report (11/25/08-12/31/08)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action. Additional information is needed for the following 2 items:

- 1. Your committee filed 24 hour notices informing the Commission of independent expenditures made in support or opposition of federal candidates with "SEIU Communications Center, Inc." and "Mosaic" as the payee(s). However, the amounts and dates of public dissemination disclosed on these notices do not appear to correlate with the entries on Schedule E, supporting Line 24 for the reporting period. If your committee has filed 24 hour notices supporting independent expenditures not reflected on your reports, you must file Schedule E during the appropriate reporting period to disclose these payments. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy and provide further information concerning these notices.
- 2. Schedule B discloses an expenditure(s) for "communications consulting," "printing," and "newswire services." If a portion or all of these expenditures were for public communications (as defined by 11 CFR §100.26) or voter drive activity (under 11 CFR §106.6(b)(2)(i)) containing express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR §100.22, this would constitute an in-kind contribution or an independent expenditure and should be properly disclosed on a Schedule B or E supporting Line 23 or 24 as appropriate. Public communications and voter drive activity that